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SUBJECT: Sino-US Talks: Confirmation of Date for 136th Meeting

REF: STATE 16143; 16245

1. SIMONS, with CHAMPEAU, called on CH'IEH and LIU at
Chicom Embassy 1030 February 4. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

2. Simons stated he had come under instruction to inform
Chinese we agreed to February 20 date for 136th meeting, with
understanding it would take place US Embassy at 1400. Ch'ien
said he would report to Charge, but date, site, and time could
be considered confirmed. Simons then said that in accordance
with past practice, we would be making press announcement
within 24 hours that 136th meeting would be held February 20
in US Embassy. Ch'ien replied Chinese would be making
separate announcement and agreed to press announcements in
accordance with past practice. During subsequent small talk,

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alone
Ch'ien left Liu/~~Simons~~ with Americans and returned to say
he had reported to Charge and above understandings confirmed.

3. Ch'ien asked whether Ambassador's departure would be
delayed and whether KREISBERG and ANDERSON would be coming
for 136th meeting. Simons said he understood my schedule
being rearranged and he was practically certain Kreisberg
and Anderson would attend, although this not yet/~~not~~ confirmed.

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4. ~~Atmosphere~~, although it should be described to press
as informal if description necessary (no paper, no notes),
was almost cheery. Ch'ien and Simons smoked; everyone had

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two cups tea. In what seemed uncommon spirit of collegiality, Ch'ien interpreted all American remarks, including Champeau's jocular description renovated Shanghai Restaurant, into Chinese for Liu. It was apparent Liu commands no English at all.

anticipate
6. We/anticipate press questions as to who took initiative for setting date 136th meeting. We will respond with "no comment" here and recommend Department follow same procedure.

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